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# “VOX POPULI!”

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## NEW ENGLAND

CHARLES HOPKINS CLARK

(*From the Hartford Courant*)

In the significant phrase, “Nobody for Hughes—but the people,” George Harvey announces his survey of present conditions in the field of Republican politics, in the May number of *THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW*. Mr. Harvey’s previous editorial essays have been so brilliant, trenchant, and stirring, as to awaken eager interest in them and eager anticipation of those to follow. In this article he seems to us to have surpassed all former efforts. For brilliancy, incisiveness, cogency, humor, vividness and force it is distinguished above any political polemic of recent years that we recall.

The grim remark of a Wisconsin Congressman is quoted to the effect that it would be easier to “stand by the President” if the President himself would only stand still; but Mr. Harvey’s article, so far as the President is concerned, is chiefly remarkable for the eloquent severity with which it lets him alone! Ephraim seems joined to his idols! Two months ago *THE NORTH AMERICAN* was suggesting promising Republican combinations, Root for President and Roosevelt for Secretary of State, or *vice versa*. But things have changed since then, and Mr. Harvey sees that Root and Roosevelt are not the only remarkable figures in sight. He considers and does ample justice to Mr. Root, “the greatest living American statesman,” but doubts that the people want him for President; and all through his paper Mr. Harvey sounds that note—What or whom do the people want? Mr. Roosevelt is next considered, at length, seriously and humorously. His attitude, his interviews, his backwardness and forwardness, his stern warnings and intimations that “Barkis is willing” in heroic conditions, his—well, the whole recent history of Mr. Roosevelt is spread out in the light:—

“History does not record a political act so fully laden with audacity and presumption as that of a statesman, however heroic, who in one breath defiantly heralds his allegiance to a party which has become a remnant, and in the next arrogantly defines the terms upon which he will accept a nomination from the party which he assassinated. It was not the Prodigal son who possessed the fatted calf.”

The conclusion concerning Mr. Roosevelt is that, although some months ago there was a possibility of his nomination by the Republican Party, things have so changed since as to eliminate that possibility. What then? Hughes? Mr. Harvey gives an amusing list of the persons who, he says, do not want Mr. Hughes, and concludes, “Nobody wants Hughes,” and then,

in italics, "Nobody but the people!" To the question, why that is so, Mr. Harvey devotes his attention.

He considers various objections, and first that based on the fact that Mr. Hughes is a Justice of the Supreme Court, and, as such, should not be nominated for President. He brings up what he says is the voice of the people in answer to that objection. Again, it is said: "It is not known what Mr. Hughes stands for"; and again he refers to the people, and he does so with great plainness and power; whether correctly and accurately, the reader must decide for himself. But it is done with amazing cleverness and force, and our editor's imaginary colloquy with the *New York World* is a masterpiece of dialectics. For instance, the *World* objects, "He cannot say whether he is for or against the President's foreign policies." To which Mr. Harvey answers, "He probably could not define them!"

Finally, Mr. Harvey undertakes to show that neither the politicians nor the people are in ignorance as to Mr. Hughes's political standing and opinions. His utterances are quoted, and his unquestioned ability, sincerity, and rectitude are remarked. He says the politicians fear him, the people trust him, and want him.

"Will he take it?" and Mr. Harvey reviews Mr. Hughes's political career. He has never directly sought or been an inferential candidate for office. That has been and still is his position; but Mr. Harvey expresses his full conviction that "this old-fashioned man holds firmly to the old-fashioned idea that the responsibilities of the Presidency are so great that it is not to be sought and must not be declined."

We have given only a faint indication of the trend, scope, and force of this brilliant paper, which cannot fail to exert an influence upon public sentiment, and which all who are interested in the politics of our country should read.

JAMES T. WILLIAMS, JR.

(From the *Boston Evening Transcript*)

Colonel George Harvey calls the turn on the Presidential situation in a single sentence. "Nobody wants Hughes—nobody but the people," is the conclusion he reaches in the current number of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW, to which he contributes a characteristically vigorous editorial survey on Presidential prospects as regards Republican candidates. As "the prophet of the Presidency" who put Princeton on the political map, and more than any other one man or one thousand men made Woodrow Wilson President of the United States, the judgment of Colonel Harvey on the eve of the national convention which will nominate the opponent of his former friend and protégé will everywhere arouse interest, everywhere command attention, and to the minds of many carry conviction.

His prediction that Mr. Hughes will be nominated at Chicago is in no sense fathered by the wish of the prophetic and philosophical Colonel, for his speculation in previous numbers of the REVIEW has covered a wide field. It is the conclusion forced upon an open mind by a succession of events, by the multiplication of the signs of the times, by straws which show the way the winds of popular preference are blowing. We commend the article in its entirety to the attention of every voter in search of a competent and dispassionate opinion and not averse to an entertaining half hour in the editorial companionship of the maker and the unmaker of the present occu-

pant of the White House. Having expressed the opinion more than a month ago that the nomination of Mr. Hughes appeared almost as inevitable as the renomination of Mr. Wilson, the *Transcript* gladly records the sustaining opinion of Colonel Harvey to the same effect.

SOLOMON BULKLEY GRIFFIN

(*From the Springfield Republican*)

In the May number of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW, Colonel George Harvey surveys the present situation in the Republican party as regards Presidential candidates and, without having the light which the Massachusetts primary shows, reaches the conclusion that the man whom the rank and file of Republicans want is Justice Hughes. He believes that neither the man who assumes to lead what is left of the Progressive Party, nor men of the old guard like Barnes and Penrose, nor men of great financial interests like Judge Gary, Thomas F. Ryan and John D. Archbold, nor Nicholas Murray Butler, nor the Democrats, President Wilson included, desire Hughes. But when this investigator turns to the rank and file, whether in Hartford, Springfield or Peabacham—the colonel's birthplace—or Pittsburgh or Columbus, or on the farms in Iowa, Oregon or Washington, he finds “none whose countenance fails to brighten at the mention of Hughes.” It is a vivid depiction, to be sure, but who shall say that there is not a great measure of truth in what Colonel Harvey finds? In this particular instance he is not making a prediction so much as recording facts as he discovers them. There are plenty of men of light and leading of great prominence in the country who believe that in the nomination of Justice Hughes lies the best hope of the Republican Party, and all these, of course, belong among “the people.”

ROBERT LINCOLN O'BRIEN

(*From the Boston Herald*)

There is no more interesting observer of political tendencies and conditions in this country than Colonel George Harvey, chiefly known to fame as the discoverer of Woodrow Wilson, but much longer known as an editor and essayist, whose specialty has been politics and whose vision and background alike command admiration. While he writes discursively in the paper which we present this morning, it is one of those free and easy rambles among the events of current interest which will repay the time and attention of thoughtful readers. His conclusions thus reached are well worth noting. That he started out with other views—that he thought a few years ago that Senator Borah, of Idaho, would be the Republican nominee, and as recently as the time of his address in Boston last winter, that Root or McCall would be the man—detracts nothing from the impressiveness of the conclusion which he now reaches.

(*From the Newburyport News*)

We have a number of booms for the Presidency now in process of the making in this country. Who is making them? Very few of them can be called absolutely spontaneous. The groups behind each can in general be fairly well discerned. Among them is a boom for Justice Hughes. Who wants Hughes?

Colonel George Harvey, in *THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW* answers that question in this way: "Nobody wants Hughes—nobody but the people." He has called over the roll of the politicians of the country, and of the large business interests of the country, and one by one he has remarked that these do not want Hughes. Who then does want the Justice for President? "Nobody, that is, nobody but the people." It is a most interesting summary. Is it a true statement of the situation?

There are a great many reasons for thinking that it is. These reasons consist of expressions of public opinion which have occurred in various parts of the country and which have been called forth entirely apart from anything Mr. Hughes has or has not done in regard to the matter. There is hardly a state in which he has not his supporters and hardly a state in which there are not indications that he could run stronger than almost any other candidate if it were once known that he would consider the matter. The demand is entirely spontaneous. The people are looking for a man of character and of sound judgment and of experience in large affairs. They think they have found all in this man who first made such a name for himself in the insurance investigation, then as Governor of New York State, and who is now fulfilling well the duties of a Justice of the Supreme Court. It is not often that a man is drafted in this way, but this year the movement appears to be getting irresistible.

Nobody knows, of course, whether Justice Hughes would accept. Some think that he would not. Others are sure that he would if the demand arose from the people. It is more than possible that before long he may have to decide.

*(From the Pawtucket Times)*

Colonel George Harvey, who "discovered" Woodrow Wilson and later regretted his find, has now discovered the American people, and, analyzing them telepathically and from the angle of a student of men, he declares they want Hughes. Want him contumaciously, if not with any severe ratiocinative conviction. Just want him and they don't want the others. Colonel Harvey declares you see Hughes men in every walk of life, and you have but to ask them to ascertain the accuracy of his diagnosis.

The Colonel himself is for Hughes, knows it and knows why. His reasons are the people's which perhaps they do not know, and in *THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW* he patiently explains his preference.

Dependability and common sense. These are the attributes that in Colonel Harvey's opinion, make Hughes the people's choice. A good enough reason, but Mr. Taft was also that sort of a man. Did the people dote on dependability and good judgment in 1912? Several millions of them were attracted by the surface brilliancy and theatrical skill of Colonel Roosevelt. Several millions were awed by the learned mien and stately epigrams and aphorisms of Mr. Wilson—his university glamor, his profound gravity and reflecting countenance. The majority, comparing dependability and common sense, as embodied in Mr. Taft, with the calcium flash of Colonel Roosevelt and the ponderous intellectuality of Mr. Wilson, calmly turned away from the qualities which, Colonel Harvey says, they count first of all. But what is a people that learns nothing from the blisters of brilliance and the suffocation of the academic presence? Perhaps George is right, and Americans now realize the value of a steady hand at the helm.

(From the Barre Times)

Colonel Harvey's characterization of some of the leading possibilities for the next President of the United States is likely to be passed around the entire country because it seems to represent absolute sincerity of belief on top of keen judgment of men and their capabilities. Moreover, this comparison condenses in concise form a very general impression from one end of the continent to the other. It should be noted, however, that Colonel Harvey does not go as far as to say that Hughes will be the next President of the United States; he is not so flatfooted in statement as he was in the situation a long time before Woodrow Wilson was even a nominee for the high office.

(From the Holyoke Transcript)

It's a deuced clever slogan, but coming from Colonel Harvey one should take it *cum grano salis*. Isn't he a great friend of President Wilson? Put two and two together and you can easily detect a motive in this Hughes boom.

To the Editor of the *Boston Herald*:—Colonel Harvey's letter in the morning *Herald* is certainly a masterstroke, and the *Herald* is to be congratulated, not only for giving its readers one of the most interesting and witty stories of political facts ever published, but also for effectively reminding the people that since 1908 they have had it in their hearts to make Justice Hughes President of the United States. The fidelity and devotion of Justice Hughes to public duty may well be expressed in words of the Bard of Avon: "Constant as the Northern Star, of whose true-fix'd and resting quality, there is no fellow in the firmament." When the voice of the people shall speak through the convention hall at Chicago, Justice Hughes will heed the call.

L. M. CHURBUCK.

BROCKTON, April 27.

NEW YORK

JAMES GORDON BENNETT

(From the New York Herald)

Colonel George Harvey, editor of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW, inspired with the essence of political intuition, in one leap has boarded the Hughes band wagon and with a motion of his good right arm has possessed himself of the padded stick belonging to the big bass drum. "Come along," he says; "this is the winning carry-all. There is nothing like it in all the world. The vehicle of the St. Louis Convention is a hearse. Nobody is for Hughes but the People!"

Nobody is for Hughes—but the people! It is an alluring slogan. Even Hughes isn't for Hughes. The office is pursuing him even as the long-eared hound chases the flying fox. He might be a popular candidate with the politicians if he had a few of the grievances which almost everybody else collected in 1912. But he is a pauper when the question of grievances or enmities is concerned. What right has any man to be considered for the nomination on the Republican ticket unless he ran on the third ticket in

1912 or took part in the theft, robbery, burglary, spoliation, embezzlement—never mind, any term will do—which was perpetrated in broad daylight in full view of the Coliseum stage four years ago? Why, Justice Hughes hasn't even the qualification of having been thrown out of a convention! He hasn't lectured for peace and he hasn't made stump speeches for war! He hasn't a battle axe or a publicity bureau!

It is true that there is a strong feeling for the nomination of Justice Hughes on the part of a very large number of citizens, but they are mere voters. What do they know about qualifications for the Presidency? Justice Hughes doesn't even know how to cater to a pro-Ally mass meeting or a pro-German *schuetzenfest*. Was there ever such an exasperating man?

We shall see what we shall see. If, as Colonel Harvey says, the people are united in the demand, Justice Hughes may run away fast as he can, but nothing can prevent his nomination and election.

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Second only to his own is the nation's interest in the political prognostications of Colonel George Harvey. That past performances, as the racing "dopesters" put it, clearly entitle the editor of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW to a hearing none will gainsay. However, not even a Jersey prophet is infallible. Conceding that the psychology of the present seems to furnish Colonel Harvey with ample warrant for his diagnosis that it is "Nobody for Hughes—but the people," what assurance can there be that this will be the psychological situation in the middle of June?

See what has already happened. Hardly had the ink dried on Colonel Harvey's confident prediction of a Hughes victory before up bobbed Mr. James Devoy with his threats that Irish hyphenates will join the German hyphenates in fighting President Wilson. Of course, nobody takes these hyphenates very seriously, but if they do attempt to make good their threats there will be "nobody" in this country "for Wilson—but the people," and that without regard to party affiliations, past or present. Then what will become of Colonel Harvey as a prophet?

[We have not predicted the *election* of Mr. Hughes.—EDITOR.]

ROLLO OGDEN

(*From the New York Evening Post*)

We are sometimes afraid of Colonel Harvey when he mounts the tripod for oracular deliverances, but in this case he is not far wrong when he sums up the way in which political opinion is manifesting itself:

Ask the man in the street, on the sidewalk, in the car, on the subway, in the Pullman, on the jitney, in the vestibule, after service, on the golf links before or after, downtown or uptown, in or out of clubs not dominated by masters of finance, in Hartford, Springfield, or Peacham, in wealth-wallowing Pittsburgh even, or Columbus, or on the farms of Iowa, in Oregon, or Washington, anywhere and everywhere, up hill and down dale, in this broad land, ask yourself, your wife, your plethoric uncle, your spinster aunt—and what do you find?

Some who distrust the supporters of Root; many who are angry at Roosevelt; not a few, inclusive of Democrats, who are sick of Wilson; none whose countenance fails to brighten at the mention of Hughes.

Likelihoods are safer to go upon than sweeping predictions. Prophecy in politics has been rightly called a gratuitous blunder. It is not a case of asserting today what surely will be, but only what probably will be. The

certain thing is that the Republicans have passed the turning-point, so far as the Roosevelt attack is concerned. And the signs point significantly to the conclusion that they will find their best man to rally behind in the person of Charles E. Hughes.

EDWARD P. MITCHELL  
(*From the New York Sun*)

Our enterprising and intelligent contemporary the *Literary Digest* cannot be accused of that partisan bias which twists straws or shapes election inquiries so as to produce a predetermined result. It has been making a poll of Republican and Progressive preferences according to a method of its own. Taking the legislative district as a unit, the *Digest* has addressed its questions to the members of the Legislatures and has received from thirty-one States 1,500 replies or votes. With allowances here and there for the favorite son, nearly four-fifths of all the votes are divided among three worthies, in the following order as here exhibited:

Hughes .....	758
Roosevelt .....	275
Root .....	138

It is interesting to note that in only four of the thirty-one States, namely, Minnesota, New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming, does Colonel Roosevelt's vote exceed that for Mr. Justice Hughes. A ratio of more than two to one is quite uniformly preserved throughout the list.

This exhibit will interest Colonel Harvey, even if it does not interest the eminent and detached candidate of Colonel Harvey and the people.

FRANK I. COBB  
(*From The New York World*)

A lovely lyric poet is our friend Colonel George Harvey, with his eye ~~in~~ fine frenzy rolling, and seeing "none whose countenance fails to brighten at the mention of Hughes"; but what can he mean when he says *The World* does not want Hughes nominated? Certainly he never got such a notion from the editorial columns of *The World*.

*The World* twice supported Hughes for Governor, and there is no man in public life for whom we have higher respect. There are circumstances in which it would support Hughes for President, but those circumstances do not exist at this time, for we regard President Wilson as much better qualified for the office than Justice Hughes, and believe that the most patriotic thing the Republicans could do would be to indorse Wilson.

But if the Republican Party is determined in the midst of a world crisis to make a drive for the patronage and the jobs, we think that Justice Hughes would be the most respectable leader it could select for the raid.

Contrary to Colonel Harvey's ballad, *The World* is not trying to prevent his nomination. We have expressed the opinion that Hughes would not be nominated and that Roosevelt would cut his throat if he were. We still hold to that belief, but beyond that point our interest is that of an innocent bystander. And in spite of Colonel Harvey's song service, we can find little evidence that "the people" themselves want Hughes. If they did they would get him, and the Republican nomination would already be settled.

[We shall see.—EDITOR.]



*(From the Brooklyn Eagle)*

So, to recapitulate, the Progressives are no longer, dictatorial, there is hardly the ghost of a chance that Mr. Root will be nominated and the Roosevelt boom is no longer at high water mark. Colonel Harvey should be pleased. He has predicted that Charles E. Hughes will be the Republican nominee. The Progressives have through Mr. Perkins signified their willingness to fall in line, subject to the condition that Mr. Hughes express his approval of their principles, which, of course, he will not do. Nor will they insist. With the elimination of uncertainties, what seems to be a reasonable certainty materializes. This not to the detriment of Colonel Harvey's prestige as a prophet.

*(From the Plattsburg Press)*

An editorial by Colonel George Harvey, published in THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW, is attracting much attention. In it he predicts that Charles E. Hughes will be nominated for President by the Republican convention in Chicago. Yet he says, "nobody wants Hughes—nobody but the people."

That statement is not entirely true, however. That the people want him cannot be denied. "Never since this Republic demanded that George Washington become its first President has there appeared so striking an instance of the office seeking the man," says Colonel Harvey. "Never has there been a call so peremptory, never a constantly swelling force so certain, in our judgment, to prove irresistible." In this Colonel Harvey is correct. The demand for Hughes is strong and consistent on the part of the people. They want him.

But then also do some of the Republican politicians. Some of the wisest among them—those who put the interests of the country and of the Republican party above their own interests—favor the nomination of Hughes because they are convinced that not only would he surely be elected, but because they believe he would make an ideal President. They trust him as do the people.

The popular demand for Hughes makes him the logical candidate and the chances are ten to one that the Republican convention when it meets in Chicago will take due cognizance of this fact and that he will be nominated. That he will accept may also be accepted as a foregone conclusion. He cannot turn down the call of the people any more than George Washington could have done it. He must answer their call.

The popular faith in Hughes is a splendid tribute to his worth as a man. It is evident that the people trust him, that they regard him as honest and able, that they feel he is the man for the present emergency. They do not question his principles, his Americanism, his patriotism. Instinctively they feel that with him at the head of the national Government the country will be safe and its interests carefully protected, and they want nothing more. That explains the peremptoriness of the call for Hughes.

#### EVERYBODY SATISFIED

*(From the Syracuse Post-Standard)*

Colonel George Harvey feels sure that the people want the nomination of Justice Hughes to the Presidency; and he is with the people.

The Colonel holds opinions with respect to our duty in the war as heroic as the Colonel of Oyster Bay. He has gone beyond the Colonel in his

condemnation of the pointless policy of the Administration in Mexico. He doesn't know what Justice Hughes' opinions are, for the Justice by his position is compelled to keep his opinions upon political questions to himself. Still as between the Colonel, whose position is well known, and the President, whose various and swiftly changing positions Colonel Harvey has carefully noted, he prefers the Justice.

The editor, who made Mr. Wilson President by sheer persistence of his pen, has explained fully his reasons for dissatisfaction with his job. As Mr. Wilson upon a famous and sorrowful occasion declared his conviction that Mr. Harvey's support was not to be desired, he has no reason for complaint over that dissatisfaction and the resulting praise for Hughes.

TRIED AND TRUE

(*From the Watertown Times*)

Attention is called to Colonel George Harvey's editorial published in the current issue of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW, and reprinted in *The Times* this afternoon. Colonel Harvey sees nothing but Hughes. He reads the letters across the sky from horizon to horizon, embracing the entire country. "Nobody wants Hughes—nobody but the people," is his statement.

Residents of states other than New York may now believe this is true through the statement of so many observers, but New Yorkers, those who have followed the political fortunes of the State since 1906, know it is true. It was the people of the State who wanted Hughes back in the "Hughes days," and it was the politician that did not want him, and the people won out against heaviest organized odds. Their judgment as to the desirability of having him was fully realized. The demand is as insistent and country-wide today as it was insistent and state-wide when New York made Hughes Governor. He will yield now as he did then, and he will make the kind of President that he made Governor.

Colonel Harvey approaches the subject with an open mind. It was he who picked Wilson and predicted that he would be named. How disappointed he was, one only has to read THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW for the past few years to ascertain. But it was he who, in *Harper's Weekly*, literally wrote the Princetonian into public favor, only to have the same Princetonian turn away from him when place was attained and expediency demanded it, even as he has turned from many of his own principles and doctrines because expediency has demanded it. Colonel Harvey has written in an unbiased way from time to time of the Presidential possibilities during the past few months. His experienced judgment now causes him to narrow down to Hughes. And why? Because "Nobody wants Hughes—nobody but the people."

(*From the Utica Press*)

In commenting upon Justice Hughes and the probability of his Presidential nomination, Colonel Harvey in THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW says, "Nobody is for Hughes—but the people." When you come to think of it that is about the best thing which could be said of anybody in this connection. It is undoubtedly true that he is not especially popular with the politicians because they cannot manage him. They tried that when he was

Governor of New York, and did not succeed. Probably that is one of the principal reasons of his strength. He has not been out delivering lectures or talks to the people telling them what they should do about preparedness, or anything else. He has simply been attending to his business, which is decidedly important, and engrosses his entire time and attention. He has done nothing to bring himself into the limelight, and though he is there very considerably and notably, it was accomplished without any hint, suggestion or assistance on his part.

Behind all the others mentioned is some particular clique or coterie, some Old Guard or Young Guard, or else a state through the favorite son route. Even Henry Ford has paid an exceedingly big price for his prominence as an advocate of peace. His expedition cost a pretty penny, and perhaps was worth the investment as advertising. Not even a company of personal friends and admirers came out for Hughes to do any definite organized or systematic work in his behalf. The only fact which makes him a Presidential possibility is a very widely entertained idea that he is the strongest man, and would get more votes than anybody else whose name has been proposed. He has not even said he would accept if nominated, but still the people keep right on talking about him. Most of the delegates at the Chicago convention are unpledged, and are in a situation where they can be governed and guided as much as they will by the wish of their constituents whom they represent. It follows, then, that if the people have any choice about it which they care to express it will be timely and in order for them to tell the delegates from their several districts what they think. If the consensus of opinion in various sections of the country is a decided trend in any one direction, it can be safely said and set down that the man thus selected is the one who will have the largest support.

*(From the Buffalo Commercial)*

Hughes sentiment in the Republican Party is growing and if it continues to grow for the next five weeks as it has in the last five the Chicago convention will nominate the New Yorker for President without question—providing, of course, that he does not absolutely decline to permit his name to be considered. So far as this contingency is concerned, while nothing more has been heard from Mr. Hughes respecting it, the fact that he is not saying a word to discourage the movement, now fast gaining momentum, to make him the standard bearer, lends confidence to the belief that he will take the nomination under the conditions likely to prevail in the convention when it is made.

One of the latest recruits to the Hughes cause is Colonel George Harvey, editor of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW. The Colonel sums up the situation in a nutshell when he says that "nobody wants Hughes but the people."

The New York *Evening Post*, Independent Democrat, says that it would be foolish "not to note the spreading belief that the man who has the best chance of being elected if nominated is Hughes." The drift is everywhere observable and every test one can make reveals it.

Favorite sons show no strength outside of their native states, and when they are eliminated from the race their strength will largely go to Mr. Hughes, the man whose Republicanism and whose Americanism is not a subject of debate within his party.

(*From the Rochester Democrat-Chronicle*)

Colonel Harvey is at his best in his article on Hughes in the May number of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW, and when at his best he is extremely entertaining, as all are aware who were in the habit of reading his comments on political affairs when he was editor of *Harper's Weekly*. Justice Hughes has been discussed at considerable length by political writers, but Colonel Harvey has aroused more interest in his possible candidacy than all the others combined. With Justice Hughes as his text, he has written a brilliant political essay, remarkable for its sparkling wit as well as for its trenchancy and force.

It is well known that he did more than any one man to make Mr. Wilson a national figure. Political expediency led Mr. Wilson to repudiate his support, but that did not cancel the obligation Mr. Wilson was under for assistance at a time when Democratic politicians, as a rule, looked on him very coldly. He will not be under any embarrassment this year by reason of Colonel Harvey's support. Colonel Harvey has been thoroughly disillusioned, and does not take any pains to conceal his feelings. He begins his remarks by expressing sympathy with Representative Cooper, of Wisconsin, when the latter observed that it would be vastly easier to "stand by the President" if the President himself would stand still.

Colonel Harvey turns to Justice Hughes because he is just as good an American as Colonel Roosevelt, "twice as sound and many times as trustworthy"; because he is not "living on borrowed time," as is the case with Mr. Root. Some, he says, distrust the supporters of Root, many are angry at Roosevelt, not a few—including some Democrats—are sick of Wilson; but there is none among the people "whose countenance fails to brighten at the mention of Hughes."

(*From the Rochester Post-Express*)

Colonel Harvey of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW, whose opinions on men and things political are of unfailing interest, has come to the conclusion that the campaign of frightfulness which Colonel Roosevelt waged against the Republican party, renders his nomination by that party impossible, unthinkable, wholly and everlastingly out of the question.

In this as in much else, the mind of Colonel Harvey must be considered eminently clear. Colonel Roosevelt's last act of a quasi public nature has sickened, alienated, antagonized thousands of Republicans who had not up to that time declared themselves against him. But when he sent Judge Nortoni forth, or allowed him to go forth, and declare that if Senator Root were nominated for the Presidency, Colonel Roosevelt would not support him but would run on a third ticket in order, if possible, to compass his defeat,—when Roosevelt gave out this statement through his henchman, hosts of Republicans saw him, as they never had before, in his true light, and resolved that he should never under any conceivable circumstances have their votes.

(*From the Troy Record*)

"Nobody wants Hughes—nobody but the people." This is Colonel Harvey's way of saying that the Justice will be nominated at Chicago. This Colonel is talking.

*(From the Geneva Times)*

Colonel Harvey, who was the original Wilson man, now stands for Justice Hughes. Rather significant and typifies a somewhat general attitude.

"DON MARQUIS"

*(From the Evening Sun)*

Colonel George Harvey comes out for Justice Hughes for President.

With all due respect to Colonel Harvey, we don't want him to pick the next President for us. Look what he did the last time.

## THE MIDDLE WEST

MICHIGAN

*(From the Detroit Free Press)*

Colonel Harvey sizes up one feature of the Presidential campaign accurately when he says, "Nobody is for Hughes but the people." The Hughes boom is a remarkable incident in our recent politics.

It has grown in a different manner than Presidential booms of late years. It is spontaneous, not artificial. There has never been any inspired and directed effort to give the Justice prominence. No press agents have been at work, no orators have beaten the big drum, no organization has deftly put the suggestion in the public mind that the people want him. Yet everywhere throughout the country the idea seemed to originate simultaneously that Hughes was the man this year, and the sentiment has spread until now almost every test made of Republican opinion shows him leading all others either as first choice or as second after a complimentary vote is delivered to a favorite son.

This unusual phenomenon has developed not only without the fostering guidance of party leaders but actually in spite of their open opposition. The men who are generally meant when the expression "bosses" is used, meaning the nationally prominent men of both parties, are candid in deprecating the suggestion of nominating the Justice, Republicans because they do not regard Hughes as tractable and sincerely distrust the effect of his leadership on their organization, Democrats because they recognize him as a man who would be very hard to beat. But the "little bosses," the Republican politicians who come into direct contact with the voters and who know at first hand what the voters are saying, almost without exception are for Hughes. They want to win this year, and they are convinced that with the name of Charles E. Hughes at the top of the ticket a sweeping victory is sure.

Yes, the Hughes boom is remarkable. It is quite a while in American politics since the Presidency has had to seek the man, but we are witnessing a manifestation of that much admired principle at present.

"A TRUE-BLUE AMERICAN"

*(From the Mt. Clemens Monitor)*

*The Monitor* is not one of those who believe that a man should not seek an office. The right to run for office is an inalienable right. As a general proposition there should be more men—not fewer—seeking office.

However, as to the high office of the Presidency, it is rather a good thing to see the people spontaneously, enthusiastically demanding the nomination of a man who to-day more completely fills their eye than any other. We refer to Justice Hughes. In the current number of *THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW*, in a striking and able article, Colonel George Harvey declares that Hughes will be the Republican nominee. "Nobody wants him," says the Colonel—"except the people" and they will have him. The deep significance of this statement is realized when it is remembered that somewhere on the person of Woodrow Wilson is a brand, "Made by George Harvey."

Justice Hughes is not a candidate for the nomination, and will not be. He will not lift his little finger to secure the nomination, and should not. To do that would indeed be "dragging the ermine of our highest court in the mire," as it is expressed. Justice Hughes has no managers anywhere. He has no press bureau, sending out proofs and plates to publishers. He has no traveling agents and tinhorn players. He has but the confidence of the people, which is plenty. He has no factional alliances. He has no foes to placate, no friends to apologize for. He has no fences to fix up. His nomination would find the whole Republican party in the harness and a lot of other fellows with it.

Justice Hughes is a man of the highest ability as an executive, demonstrated in his service as Governor of New York. He is a student of great questions. He is a fearless and true-blue American. He is just the right age, in possession of his full physical strength.

It is said that Justice Hughes is opposed by the "big bosses," who don't like him, but is favored by the "little bosses," who know the people.

Can the "big bosses" stop him? We don't think so. It looks now as though nothing could stop him except a flat declaration from himself, that he would not run if nominated.

*(From the Grand Rapids News)*

It begins to look as if we may as well make up our minds that Justice Hughes will be the nominee of the Republican Party for President of the United States. Colonel George Harvey, the picker of Presidents, writes an article in the current number of *THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW*, the heading and gist of which is: "Nobody for Hughes—but the people."

OHIO

*(From the Columbus Journal)*

Colonel George Harvey, in an article in the May number of *THE NORTH AMERICAN*, says Charles Evans Hughes will be the next Republican candidate for President of the United States. The Colonel has been a mighty good prophet in the past and he may be now. He first predicted Wilson's election. He is not much for Roosevelt. Look at his very vehement and intemperate language:

"Whoever says Our Colonel is a candidate is a liar. He is no hill climber. He is Mahomet. If the mountain sees fit to come to him, it may bask in the glories of Heaven; if not, it can go to hell."

Thus Colonel Harvey jumps into the political arena with both feet; but there is no use bringing "hell" into the fray. The indications are that the next President of the United States will be the right man in the right place.

*(From the Burlington Hawkeye)*

Editor George Harvey of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW picks Justice Hughes as the next President. Four years ago he picked Wilson and was right. Now we will see whether Colonel Harvey just happened to make a lucky shot four years ago or whether he can hit the bull's-eye every crack.

*(From the Milwaukee Sentinel)*

The Old Guard incurables may not like Hughes; the interests comprehensively labeled "Wall Street" would prefer Root or Roosevelt. But Justice Hughes' real peril of nomination and election lies in the multiplying evidences that the people who will do the real choosing in November want Hughes.

We doubt if he can escape.

## PENNSYLVANIA

*(From the Harrisburg Telegraph)*

In his characteristic and always interesting way, Colonel George Harvey, the original Wilson man, is out in the May issue of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW for Justice Charles Evans Hughes as the man of the people for President. He discusses the political situation from Dan to Beersheba and, after pointing out Colonel Roosevelt's alleged shortcomings and the attitude of the influential leaders of the country toward Root and others, Colonel Harvey declares that nobody wants Hughes—"nobody but the people!" He suggests that the Colonel has overplayed the "frightfulness" policy in dealing with Wilson and has not profited from the knowledge "that it was not the prodigal son who possessed the fatted calf." This in allusion to the proposed getting together of the progressive and stalwart wings of the Republican Party. He further declares that while Hughes is opposed by political leaders and others, he is essentially the choice of the people, notwithstanding the effort to create an impression antagonistic to his selection on account of his judicial position. Again referring to Roosevelt, he says:

Whoever says Our Colonel is a candidate is a liar. He is no hill-climber. He is a Mahomet. If the Mountain sees fit to come to him, it may bask in the glories of Heaven; if not, it can go to hell.

Thus Colonel Harvey discusses at length the Roosevelt element of the situation, basing his conclusions upon the rather doubtful attitude of many voters in different parts of the country. Contrary to the view of Joseph H. Choate, he thinks the nomination of Justice Hughes "would be far more likely to clarify the muddy turmoil of politics than to bespatter the judicial ermine—a consummation devoutly to be wished."

Manifestly Colonel Harvey, pursuing the rôle of prophet as in the period preceding the nomination of President Wilson, proposes to throw about his prophecies as many safeguards as possible, so that there may not be another flareback such as followed the election of President Wilson and his repudiation of Colonel Harvey.

Throughout the Hughes boom, as staged by the distinguished editor of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW, there is repeatedly thrown upon the screen his epigrammatic and rapid-fire comment regarding the especial availability of the "candidate of the people." There is, in fact, throughout the whole editorial his argument summed up in the suggestion that Justice Hughes is "holding to the old-fashioned idea that the responsibilities of the Presidency are so great that it is not to be sought and must not be declined."

And there you have Colonel Harvey's latest inspiration and his conviction that “the overpowering issue will be one of men—of ability, of judgment, of fidelity, but above all of character.” He believes that it will be Hughes or Wilson and that patriotism must dictate a choice between the two.

But notwithstanding Colonel Harvey's analysis of the situation the Republican sentiment of the country seems more and more to be crystallizing around the one proposition that the party will unitedly support the nominee of the Chicago convention whether his name be Hughes, Root, Knox, Brumbaugh or any other of the “favorite sons.”

## THE SOUTH

HENRY WATTERSON

(*From the Louisville Courier-Journal*)

One may judge from this that Colonel Harvey is against Colonel Roosevelt. Yea, more than this, that he believes his defeat in the National Republican Convention possible. He has in point of fact an alternative. He has quit “scattering” among “favorite sons” and comes squarely out for Hughes. “Nobody wants him,” he says sententiously, “but the people.” Then, constituting himself “the people,” the Editor of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW makes an elaborate argument in favor of his man. He meets all objections; that he is a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; that he is not a candidate; that his position on contemporary questions is unknown; that, if nominated, he might not accept. But we can better serve our readers by letting Colonel Harvey speak for himself. He is always interesting. Here he is earnest, and, if not convincing, yet suggestive. \* \* \*

We shall offer no apology for these voluminous extracts. They are full of pith if not of moment. They are not without wisdom from the high-brow point of view. They appeal to intelligent people—though mainly to the intelligence of Eastern people—and carry conviction only to those who are already convinced.

Colonel Harvey cannot out of his fancy manufacture another President. He cannot make a Lincoln out of Mr. Justice Hughes. Nor yet a Destiny. If Fate had intended Hughes for President Fate would have landed him in the White House in 1909.

When the Braves get to Chicago they will prefer to take a chance with the Colonel than rush headlong upon the Roosevelt spear “that knows no brother.” They can see no speculation in those cold, steel-gray eyes that Hughes doth glare with. They can make whatever deals they please with Roosevelt. The Room Marked “Private” transferred from New York and the oblong mahogany table, “with good Bacon lines,” with “Root, hog, or die,” the issue—Gary on one side with Big Money and Perkins on the other side with the Big Stick—where then, oh, George, where will you and the “People” be?

CASPER S. YOST

(*From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat*)

Close upon the heels of the *Literary Digest* poll of Republican State legislators, showing a large majority favorable to the nomination of Justice Hughes for President, a poll confirmatory of those taken of Republican



editors and readers of high-class journals, America's foremost prophet, Colonel George Harvey, editor of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW, predicts the nomination of Justice Hughes and his acceptance of the call of his country. He says: "Never since this Republic demanded that George Washington become its first President has there appeared so striking an instance of the office seeking the man."

Colonel Harvey, it should be remembered, as early as 1909 predicted Wilson's election, and later predicted the nomination of Taft, the independent race of Roosevelt and the comparative standing of the three Presidential candidates in the results of 1912. Had he lived a few centuries ago he would have been prosecuted for witchcraft. Colonel Harvey gives many concrete illustrations of the popular demand for Hughes, insistent in the face of every variety of organized opposition. He seems personally reconciled to the result and zestfully brushes aside the puerile objections to the Justice accepting the nomination.

He shows the views of Hughes on the tariff, foreign relations, peace, preparedness and bosses, quoting his utterances and pointing to his example. He points to his courage and his stability. He argues that a man of his moral and intellectual strength may be depended upon to apply the general principles he is known to hold to the specific problems of the future, some still unknown, without being blown about by every wind of doctrine. It is Hughes the courageous, unwavering statesman the people want and not some shifty disciple of expediency.

Colonel Harvey also shows that Hughes was not a candidate for Governor of New York and did not turn his hand to get a renomination. He did not seek that high office, any more than he seeks the Presidency. His declarations about the Governorship have the same ring as his statements about the Presidency. He is not a candidate, but Colonel Harvey believes that "this old-fashioned man holds firmly to the old-fashioned idea that the responsibilities of the Presidency are so great that it ought not to be sought and must not be declined."

THOMAS W. LOYLESS

(From the *Augusta Chronicle*)

With his kind permission, *The Chronicle* devotes the major portion of its editorial columns to-day to a rather extensive review of a characteristically trenchant and forcible survey of the present tense situation in the Republican Party by Colonel George Harvey, in the May number of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW, of which he is the brilliant and far-seeing editor.

As the man who "discovered" Woodrow Wilson and thereby rendered it possible for Bryan, at Baltimore, and Roosevelt, by his revolt, to make Mr. Wilson President, Colonel Harvey is recognized as easily the best writer in America on national and international politics—or on any other subject, as for that matter—and in his survey of the present Republican situation he is George Harvey at his best.

E. W. BARRETT

(From the *Birmingham Age-Herald*)

These are strong words, but Colonel Harvey is a master of strong words and creates the impression of saying what he thinks, whether one agree with him or not. He was at no pains to spare the feelings of the American

people regarding their unpopularity abroad and on numerous other occasions he has stated frankly just where he stands.

According to a popular conception of the cartoonists, Mr. Hughes is a sphinx, and regardless of what he hears, maintains unbroken silence. This is explained by the fact that his judicial position prevents him from expressing his political views and permitting it to be known whether or not he would accept the Republican nomination. No such restriction curbs Colonel Roosevelt, who continues to make more noise than all the favorite sons put together and despite the finality of Colonel Harvey's prediction, may be willing to oblige the “mountain” by going to meet it half way, and seems just now the inevitable standard-bearer for the Republicans in the next Presidential campaign.

It will be interesting to recall Colonel Harvey's prediction after the Republican convention meets in Chicago. A wise prophet leaves himself a loophole to crawl through when his predictions are not verified.

#### TENNESSEE

(*From the Knoxville Sentinel*)

The Hughes boom now leads the Republican Derby and seems to be steadily forging away from the field.

Colonel George Harvey, who “discovered” Woodrow Wilson in New Jersey and lost him in the Manhattan Club, while no doubt in the humor of “anybody to beat Wilson” is sure it will be “Hughes or Wilson.”

“Nobody wants Hughes—nobody but the people,” is the conclusion Colonel Harvey reaches as the result of an exhaustive analysis of the Republican situation in the May number of THE NORTH AMERICAN.

The *Literary Digest* just to hand reports a poll conducted by it corroborative of Colonel Harvey's opinion.

Certainly, if “straw” ballots can ever be relied upon to show the drift of the wind, the Colonel appears to be surely fading out of the picture at Chicago, unless he still hopes to use his Progressive nomination “big stick” to coerce the convention.

#### POLITICAL FORECASTS

(*From the Bookseller*.)

The news-stand sales of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW, it is authoritatively stated, have shown a marked increase during every Presidential election year, a fact not to be wondered at in view of the remarkably able and prophetic editorship. As the coming election is the most important since that of Abraham Lincoln, the following statements have peculiar significance and interest: “In 1904 Mr. George Harvey predicted that Mr. Roosevelt would receive 314 electoral votes—he received 336. In 1908 he predicted that Mr. Taft would receive 338 votes in the Electoral College—he received 321. In his editorial, ‘The Political Predestination of Woodrow Wilson,’ which appeared in the March, 1911, number of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW (over eighteen months prior to election), Mr. Harvey said: ‘The finger of Predestination, guided by Logic, Circumstance, Conditions and History, points unerringly to Woodrow Wilson, Democrat, as the opponent of William H. Taft, Republican, in 1912.’ In October, 1912, Mr. Harvey predicted that Mr. Taft would carry only Utah and Vermont, as the event proved.”